

**REMARKS**

Claims 11-25 are hereby elected, subject to traverse. Claims 34-37 have been added and claims 2-8 and 27-31 have been amended to depend from claims 11-25 and thus are properly included with claims 11-25.

With the inclusion of claims 2-8, 27-31 and 34-37, the combination does require pulleys and a pivotal cover such that it will be necessary to search and examine the recitations directed to the subcombination to determine the patentability of the combination. Thus, requirement (1) for restriction has been not met. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement has been overcome.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of the rotary cutter of claims 11-25 and the assembly of claims 1-10 and 26-33 produce synergistic results and thus should be searched and examined together. In this regard, inventions I and II have been reduced into practice in a single embodiment and as such are clearly related. The applicants should not be penalized for the manner of claiming the separate inventive features in their broadest aspects. Additionally, since the Patent Office will review the entire application and all aspects thereof in this application and the amount of additional work to consider all the independent claims will be minimal, if any, for Patent Office efficiencies and economics, the restriction requirement should be removed for these separate and independent reasons.

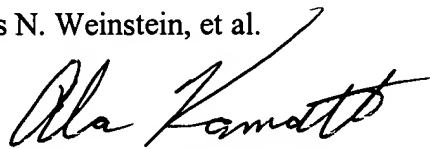
Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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